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| X, Y | US 2246253 (Johnson), 17 June 1941 Page 3, Left Hand Column, line 10- p3, Right Hand column, line 31; Fig 1 | 1, 3- 27, 30- 35, 38- 48 |
| Y | US 4326951 (Broz), 27 April 1982 Column 1, lines 11- 29; column 4, line 58- column 5, line 54; Fig 3 | 1, 3- 27, 30- 35, 38- 48 |
| A | US 2002/0014440 A1 (Oder et al.), 7 February 2002 Whole Document | 1- 67 |
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| A | <p>US 3143492 (Bullock), 4 August 1964 Whole Document</p> <p>The teachings of US 4326951 may be combined with the teachings of US 2246253 to disclose all of the essential features of claims 1, 3- 27, 30- 35, 38- 48.</p> | 1- 67 |

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